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SUBJECT: JAPANESE "JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD" PROGRAM

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1. EVEN THOUGH OFFICIAL "INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM" TOO NEW TO EVALUATE RESULTS AMONG RETURNEES, EDUCATION MINISTRY LIKES AND EXPECTS TO EXPAND FURTHER. BIG FACTOR IN SUCCESS HAS BEEN WILLINGNESS JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES NOW TO ACCEPT FOREIGN UNIVERSITY CREDITS. ALL EXCHANGES SUPPORT INSTITUTION-TO-INSTITUTION AFFILIATIONS. PROGRAM ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE "JUNIOR YEAR ABOARD" TYPE ALL EXPENSE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS BUT WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SOME GRADUATE STUDENTS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH QUALIFIED UNDERGRADS APPLICATIONS EXPECTED.

2. IN FIRST YEAR (72-73) FORTY JAPANESE STUDENTS ABROAD AND TWENTY-EIGHT FOREIGN STUDENTS TO JAPAN. UNITED STATES LARGEST CONTINGENT (SIXTEEN). WEST GERMANY, UK, PHILIPPINES, EACH THREE. INDIA, SRI LANKA, BULGARIA, AUSTRALIA, KOREA EACH TWO. CANADA, EGYPT, KENYA, POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA EACH ONE.

3. SUBJECT FIELDS ALMOST EQUALLY DIVIDED MAJOR AREAS: FIFTEEN SOCIAL SCIENCE, ELEVEN HUMANITIES, FOURTEEN NATURAL SCIENCE, U.S. CONTINGENT INCLUDES SEVEN SOCIAL
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SCIENCE, FOUR HUMANITIES, FIVE NATURAL SCIENCE

4. FROM ABOARD, GRANTS AWARDED NINE TO U.S., SIXTEEN PHILIPPINES, ONE CANADA, ONE WEST GERMANY, ONE POLAND.

5. NEW FY 73-74 PROGRAM NOW UNDER WAY WILL BE SIMILAR ALTHOUGH EXACT NUMBERS OF GRANTS NOT YET DETERMINED. BIGGEST CHANGE THIS YEAR IS BROADENING TO INCLUDE UNDERGRADUATES IN TEACHER EDUCATION, SPECIFYING FIFTY GRANTS (FIFTEEN ASIA, TWELVE U.S. EIGHT EUROPE, FOUR OCEANIA, FOUR SOUTH AFRICA, THREE AFRICA, THREE NEAR EAST).

6. SINCE RESOLVING FOR MOST PART QUESTION OF CREDITS (AT URGING OF MINISTRY JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES WHICH PREVIOUSLY DID NOT ACCEPT CREDIT EARNED ABROAD NOW WILL ACCEPT UP TO 30, COMPARED TO AVERAGE 35 USUALLY EARNED BY STUDENTS HERE EACH YEAR, THUS STUDENTS NEED NOT MAKE UP LOST YEAR), REMAINING PROBLEMS ARE DIFFERENCE IN ACADEMIC YEAR, LACK OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AMONG JAPANESE STUDENTS, AND LACK OF STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES AT JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS.

7. FORWARDING LIST OF INSTITUTIONS AND SUBJECT FIELDS BY POUCH.
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